

Orange Hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)



NRCS has introduced a new program under the 2006 Colorado EQIP Invasive Plant Program to address this particular weed.



Features:

- Native of Europe
- Member of the Sunflower family
- A fibrous rooted perennial herb that grows up to 12 inches tall
- Leaves are basal with one or two small leaves occasionally occurring on the bristly stem
- Flower heads range from yellow-orange in the middle to darker orange on the outer edges
- Plant contains a milky juice
- Each plant has 5 to 35 flower heads
- Can be found at elevation from 5,000 to 12,000 feet
- Invades moist pastures, forest meadows, abandoned fields, clearcuts, and roadsides.

How YOU Can Help

- ✓ Learn to identify invasive plant species in your area.
- ✓ Report sightings of invasive species to your local county or land management agency.
- ✓ Do not pick wildflowers or plants. They may be invasive species and picking them can spread their seeds.
- ✓ Check local weed lists before you buy plants for your garden or yard.
- ✓ Clean all camping gear, clothing, and shoes before leaving an area to avoid inadvertently taking seeds along with you to the next campsite.
- ✓ Always stay on designated trails when camping or hiking, avoiding weed infested areas.
- ✓ Drive only on established roads or trails away from weed infested areas.

For more information on the identification and control of noxious weeds contact your local NRCS and Conservation District Office.